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| PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) | | Docket Number (Optional) 3359 |
| In re Application of Mei et al. | | |
| Application Number 09/718,295 | Filed 11/21/2000 | |
| For Methods and Computer Software Products for Selecting Nucleic Acid Probes | | |
| Art Unit 1631 | Examiner Marianne P. Allen | |

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

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